

Implementation of RNTCP in Rajasthan

3018. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recovery of Tuberculosis patients in Rajasthan has increased and the default rate has reduced as a result of effective implementation of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);

(b) if so, both by how much and what strategies were adopted to make RNTCP more effective; and

(c) whether any technology (*e.g.* Softwares) were used for better patient tracking mechanism, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) to (c) Yes. In Rajasthan, the cure rate amongst the new smear positive patients has improved from 86% to 88% and the default rate has reduced from 5% to 4% amongst the newly infected TB patients from 2014 to 2016.

The strategies adopted are strengthening and improving quality of basic TB services, addressing TB HIV co-infection, other co-morbidities and MDR-TB. Further, targeted intervention in the vulnerable population, integrating newer molecular diagnostics for TB in the health system for early diagnosis of TB, and Information Communication Technology (ICT) are leveraged for better TB notification and strengthening of monitoring by using the Nikshay software.

Status of AIIMS, Raipur

3019. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state by when AIIMS at Raipur will start functioning fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): AIIMS, Raipur is already functioning with 29 different Departments and with a bed capacity of 300. Indoor Patient Department and Outdoor Patient Department Services are also functional. Major and minor surgeries are also being performed in various Departments. The MBBS and B.Sc (Nursing) batches are also functioning since 2012 and 2013, respectively.